

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A repository system for media publishing, comprising:
a plurality of storage devices configured to store a plurality of media items, the plurality of storage devices including a first storage device and a second storage device,
the first storage device each storage device configured to store a different first type of media item items, and
the second than that of other storage devices in said plurality of storage devices device
configured to store a second type of media items different from the first type of media items,
wherein a type of media items that can be selected for the first type and the second type
includes:
a format, a bit rate, a communication protocol, digital rights management information
associated with media items, and an encoding type and compression technique used
to reduce the physical size of the media items; and
metadata information relating to the plurality of media items stored in said plurality of storage devices,
wherein said metadata information enables hierarchical organization of the plurality of media items so that the media items ~~can be relatively~~ are easily accessed, moved, added, and deleted.

2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said plurality of storage devices is distributed over a network ~~such that said~~ to configure the repository system is configured as an online repository system.

3. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the online repository system is configured as a Web-based Distributed Authoring and Versioning (WebDAV) facility.

4. (Original) The system of claim 2, further comprising:
a communication servlet to allow management of media items stored in said plurality of storage devices using WebDAV-issued commands.

5. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein the WebDAV-issued commands includes HTTP requests.

6. (Original) The system of claim 2, further comprising:
a plurality of repository filter services configured to provide a framework for performing operations on the plurality of media items while uploading and downloading the media items from the network.

7. (Original) The system of claim 6, further comprising:
a plurality of templates, each template specifying a particular format for the different type of media item.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 7, wherein said plurality of repository filter services includes a transcoder operating to perform one or more operations on a media item to convert the media item from ~~its~~an original format to a format closer to or matching the particular format specified by the template.

9. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein said plurality of repository filter services includes a media manipulation system to change a media item from one type to another type.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein said media manipulation system includes an image manipulation system configured to resize an image of the media item.

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim-9 1, wherein said ~~one~~first type of media ~~item-items~~ is an includes JPEG image type of a JPEG format.

12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim-9 11, wherein said ~~one~~second type of media ~~item-items~~ includes an MP3-a music file type of an MP3 format.

13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim-9 11, wherein said ~~one~~second type of media ~~item-items~~ includes a streaming media type of a WAV format.

14. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising:
an asset table to encapsulate relationship between files and folders in said repository system.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of providing storage for media items in media publishing, comprising:

storing a first type of media items in a first storage device;

storing a second type of media items in a second storage device,

wherein a type of media items that can be selected for the first type and the second type includes:

a format, a bit rate, a communication protocol, digital rights management information associated with media items, and an encoding type and compression technique used to reduce the physical size of the media items;

relating first metadata information to the first type of media items; and

relating second metadata information to the second type of media items,

wherein said first and second metadata information enable hierarchical organization of the media items so that the media items ~~can be relatively~~ are easily accessed, moved, added, and deleted.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising:
configuring the first and second storage devices to be distributed over a network.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the distributed first and second storage devices are configured as a Web-based Distributed Authoring and Versioning (WebDAV) facility.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising:

managing media items stored in the distributed first and second storage devices using WebDAV-issued commands.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the WebDAV-issued commands includes HTTP requests.

20. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising:
providing a framework for performing operations on retrieved media items while uploading and downloading media items from the network.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, further comprising:
specifying a particular format for the media items.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the frame work for performing operations on retrieved media items includes performing one or more transcoding operations on a media item to convert the media item from its original format to a format closer to or matching the particular format.

23. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the frame work for performing operations on retrieved media items includes changing the media item from one type to another type.

24. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising:

configuring the first and second storage devices into a virtual folder to enable storage of media items and metadata information independent of physical locations.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 24, further comprising:
presenting the first and second types of media items according the virtual folder ~~such that~~
~~storage of to store~~ the first and second types of media items are independent of the first and second storage devices.

26. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising:
configuring the first and second storage devices into a plurality of virtual folders to enable storage of media items and metadata information independent of physical locations.

27. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein configuring the first and second storage devices into a plurality of virtual folders includes enabling each user to have a different view of the stored media items than other users.

28. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein configuring the first and second storage devices into a plurality of virtual folders includes customizing features of a presentation including the media items.

29. (Currently Amended) A computer program, stored in a tangible storage medium, for use in providing storage for media items in media publishing, the program comprising executable instructions that cause a computer to:

store a first type of media items in a first storage device;
store a second type of media items in a second storage device,
wherein a type of media items that can be selected for the first type and the second type
includes:
a format, a bit rate, a communication protocol, digital rights management information
associated with media items, and an encoding type and compression technique used to reduce the
physical size of the media items;
relate first metadata information to the first type of media items; and
relate second metadata information to the second type of media items,
wherein said first and second metadata information enable hierarchical organization of the media
items so that the media items ~~can be relatively~~ are easily accessed, moved, added, and deleted.

30. – 33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently Amended) A repository system for media publishing, comprising:
a plurality of storage means for storing a plurality of media items, the plurality of storage
means including a first storage means and a second storage means,
the first storage means ~~each storage means~~ configured to store a different first type of
media item items, and
the second ~~than that of other storage means in said plurality of storage means~~ configured
to store a second type of media items different from the first type of media items,
wherein a type of media items that can be selected for the first type and the second type
includes:

a format, a bit rate, a communication protocol, digital rights management information associated with media items, and an encoding type and compression technique used to reduce the physical size of the media items; and

means for relating metadata information to the plurality of media items stored in said plurality of storage means,

wherein relating metadata information enables hierarchical organization of the plurality of media items so that the media items ~~can be relatively~~ are easily accessed, moved, added, and deleted

35. (Currently Amended) A storage system for media publishing, comprising:

means for storing a first type of media items;

means for storing a second type of media items,

wherein a type of media items that can be selected for the first type and the second type includes:

a format, a bit rate, a communication protocol, digital rights management information associated with media items, and an encoding type and compression technique used to reduce the physical size of the media items;

means for relating first metadata information to the first type of media items; and

means for relating second metadata information to the second type of media items,

wherein said first and second metadata information enable hierarchical organization of the media items so that the media items ~~can be relatively~~ are easily accessed, moved, added, and deleted.

36. (Canceled)